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SUBJECT: US GOALS AND OBJECTIVES IN KUWAIT

1. THIS TELEGRAM TRANSMITS A STATEMENT OF US FOREIGN
POLICY GOALS AND OBJECTIVES IN KUWAIT. A SEPARATE MESSAGE
WILL PROVIDE EXPLANATORY INFORMATION ON THE PURPOSE, IM-
PLEMENTATION AND REVIEW OF THESE STATEMENTS.

2. BEGIN TEXT:

I. KUWAITI SUPPORT FOR STABILITY IN THE PERSIAN GULF AND
MIDDLE EAST PEACE.

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-- ENCOURAGE SYMPATHETIC KUWAITI VIEW OF US EFFORTS TO
HELP ACHIEVE ARAB-ISRAELI PEACE.

-- ENCOURAGE KUWAITI EFFORTS TO PROMOTE COOPERATION AMONG
THE STATES OF THE PERSIAN GULF.

-- ENCOURAGE KUWAITIS TO LOOK TO THEIR LARGER NEIGHBORS,

SUCH AS SAUDI ARABIA, SYRIA, JORDAN AND IRAN AS SECURITY GUARANTORS, RATHER THAN LOOKING TOWARD THE US FOR THIS PURPOSE.

-- ENCOURAGE CONTINUED KUWAITI POLITICAL AND FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR MODERATE ARAB REGIMES.

-- FOLLOW CAREFULLY THE CURRENT RAPPROACHEMENT WITH IRAQ AND ANALYZE ITS CHANCES FOR LONG-TERM SUCCESS.

-- KEEP IN TOUCH WITH THE OPINIONS OF THE "LEFTIST/ LIBERAL" GROUPS IN KUWAITI SOCIETY.

II. US SUPPORT FOR KUWAITI GOALS OF INTERNAL DEVELOPMENT AND MORE EFFECTIVE FOREIGN ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS.

-- MAINTAIN REGULAR CONTACTS WITH SENIOR KUWAITI ECONOMIC POLICY MAKERS ON NORTH-SOUTH ISSUES AND AID TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

-- PROMOTE COOPERATION BETWEEN SUCH ORGANIZATIONS AS THE KUWAIT/ARAB FUNDS AND AID IN UTILIZING LATTER'S REIMBUR-SABLE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE RESOURCES TO FURTHER PROGRAMS OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO POORER DEVELOPING NATIONS.

-- USE THE RESOURCES OF STATE, TREASURY, COMMERCE AND SECRET

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THE US PRIVATE BUSINESS COMMUNITY TO ADVANCE OUR TRADE PROMOTION PROGRAMS AND FOSTER ADDITIONAL KUWAITI INVESTMENT IN THE US.

-- PERSIST WITH LOCAL EXCHANGES ON ARAB BOYCOTT, AIMING TO RELAX KUWAITI PRACTICE.

III. MODERATE KUWAITI ENERGY POLICIES.

-- ENCOURAGE THE KUWAITIS TO FOLLOW A MODERATE POLICY IN OIL PRICING AND TO USE THEIR INFLUENCE WITHIN OPEC TO COUNSEL MODERATION.

-- KEEP KUWAITI FINANCE AND OIL POLICY MAKERS INFORMED OF US POSITIONS OR PRODUCER-CONSUMER ISSUES.

IV. INFLUENCE ON KUWAIT'S MILITARY MODERNIZATION PROGRAM.

-- MONITOR CLOSELY KUWAIT'S MILITARY PROGRAM AND THE COUNTRY'S CAPACITY TO ABSORB THE EQUIPMENT AND ARMS IT IS PURCHASING FROM THE US.

-- ASSURE KUWAIT THAT THE US SYMPATHIZES WITH ITS DESIRE TO STRENGTHEN AND MODERNIZE ITS ARMED FORCES WHILE USING OUR INFLUENCE TO DISSUADE KUWAIT FROM PURCHASING HIGHLY SOPHISTICATED OR UNNECESSARY WEAPONS SYSTEMS.

-- WORK TO KEEP US MILITARY PRESENCE IN KUWAIT AT A MINIMUM WHILE CONTINUING TO MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF OUR FOREIGN MILITARY SALES AGREEMENTS.

-- WATCH FOR SIGNS OF ANY EMERGING INFLUENCE OF THE KUWAITI ARMED FORCES AS MORE YOUNG KUWAITI OFFICERS RETURN FROM TRAINING TO ASSUME LEADERSHIP ROLES.

V. ENHANCEMENT OF DEMOCRATIZATION AND HUMAN RIGHTS.

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-- EXPRESS QUIETLY US APPROVAL FOR ANY MOVES TO RESTORE THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY.

-- MAKE USE OF US EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL EXCHANGE PROGRAMS TO SUPPORT THE GROWING ROLE OF WOMEN IN KUWAITI SOCIETY AND TO ADVANCE DEMOCRATIZATION.

-- ENCOURAGE US CONTRACTING FIRMS EMPLOYING ASIAN AND SOUTH ASIAN LABORERS TO INSURE THAT THESE EMPLOYEES RECEIVE GOOD MEDICAL CARE, HOUSING AND RELATED SOCIAL SERVICES. END TEXT. CHRISTOPHER

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